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## PREFACE

The object in issuing this little booklet is to inform those imbrestrad, of the objects and purposes of organizing the Alleghony and Cheat Mountain Clubs; to give a brief description of the holdings of these clubs; to indicate the routes to be traveled in reaching same; to insist that all members pay a visit to these preserves during the present year, and in order to make many contemplated improvements, to invite a few men who are true sportsmen and lovers of nature to become members.







members may send their families to these Clubs with the assurance that they will be surrounded by the same moral influences that they are accustomed to in their own homes.
I All members may expect the best and most wholesome food obtainable, and if a sufficient amount can not be produced on the club properties, the surrounding farmers are glad to deliver to these clubs, each day, fresh eggs, milk, butter and all kinds of vegetables which are produced in abundance on the bluegrass farms nearby.

Protection of Game and Fisil

I J. A. Viquesney, who has been, for many years, Forest, Game and Fish Warden of the State of West Virginia, is President of both Clubs, and is doing everything possible to make same a success, while H. M. Lockridge, Vice-President, and W. B. Rector, Secretary-Treasurer, have resigned their positions in the Forest, Game and Fish Department so that they may devote their whole time to the upbuilding and success of same, all believing that in this lies the fundamental principle of real wild life protection and conservation, and that these problems are inalienably linked with the State's welfare in this important matter.
I By bountifully restocking and carefully protecting the territory of these great preserves, it will be demonstrated that West Virginia is the greatest game producing territory in America, and that by this means, a wealth of wild life will again be





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¢ The membership fee is due and payable upon the delivery of membership certifirater in the two clubs. Dues are payable in advance on the first day of July of each ywar, for the fiscal year ending on June 30th of the following year. The Board of Direotors shall have the right to declare any membership canceled if said membership fee and dues are not paid when due, but said Board shall mail, or cause to be mailed, to such delinquent member, a notice in writing to his last known post office address, stating their intention so to do, at least ten days before such action is taken
I An annual meeting of the members of each association shall be held at the respective club houses, on some date between the 15 th day of October and the 1st day of December of each year, the time to be designated by a majority vote of members present, in person or by proxy, at each annual meeting for the next succeeding meeting, but if the time for such meeting is not so fixed, then such time of meeting shall be fixed by the President and Secretary of the association, who shall mail, or cause to be mailed, to each member, at his last known post office address, a written notice stating the time of said meeting, at least ten days prior to same.
I Rules and regulations pertaining to hunting and fishing shall be formulated and presented to the club members at their first annual meeting, and any rules and

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Tzalations as adopted by a majority vote of said elub memberx, present and voting in perano or ly proxy and the rules oo adopted shall be binding on all members of this a*ew iation. but said rules and regulations may tre amembed, ateresl, abridged, or added to, by a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing, voting in person or by proxy at any annual meeting thereafter held.
G The existing Forest, Game and Fish Laws of the State of West Virginia have been adopted as the rules and regulations, until such time as the members in annual meeting may amend, add to, or abridge same. A synopsis of these laws is appended in the back of this booklet.

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 I On account of the large membership necessary to support these cluhs, at a minimum membership fee and dues, it has been found necessary and expedient to restrict the privileges to members onls, which includes the daughters of a member's family, and sons not over twenty-one years of age; and further provides that any member having a visitor from any place except the town of his residence, may, by special invitation, endorsed by the President, Secretary, or Manager of the club, extend all privileges of same to such visitor, exeept hunting and fishing. which are exclusive for members and their families.




in the basement. The first story of the building above ground is used as an asembly or club room, and four huge wood-burning fireplaces keep this big room cheery and pleasant on the coldest days. The second and third floors are divided into bedrooms and are nicely finished and furnished. Above the third floor is a large room, well lighted and ventilated, which is used for sleeping cots when other rooms are crowded. The large porches in front of the first and second floors are especially suited for easy chairs, swings and hammocks. On the top of the building is a small roof garden, used as an observatory, where, with the aid of field glasses, an excellent view may be had of all of the surrounding country.
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I The building is lighted with a seven hundred light acetylene plant, each burner being equipped with a patent lighter, requiring no matches for this purpose. Shower and tub baths are provided, each being supplied with hot and cold water. The water is piped from a mountain spring about three-fourths of a mile from the club house. This spring is at an elevation of nearly two hundred feet above the club, which gives a good pressure on all floors of the building.
The Park
I The park surrounding the club house, which is owned in fee by the association, contains about one hundred acres and is enclosed by a woven wire fence, eight feet high, in which is kept a herd of elk, a number of deer, and other animals.
I In the rear of the club is a second growth, white pine grove which furnishes an

ideal place for children to play in, or for members to lounge during the hot summer days. The needles which are shed from these trees cover the ground with a soft carpet, and camp chairs, swings and hammocks make this the most attractive spot on the whole preserve.
§ No other country in the whole world is so famed for such a diversity of mineral springs as the two Virginias, along the crest of the Allegheny Range of Mountains. and within sight of this club house is the greatest of all these mineral springs, Minnehaha, which was the favorite bathing pool of the American Indians, and which is fast growing in favor as one of great curative qualities.
I More than a million gallons a day flow from this spring, at a temperature, winter and summer, of seventy-two degrees. The compressed gases in the earth send the water to the surface in thousands of tiny sprays, causing it to ripple and bubble as it emerges straight upward into the pool. This pool is nearly six feet deep, and covers more than an eighth of an acre, and, being filled with mineral flowers and mosses, presents a beautiful appearance.

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I Professor J. W. Mallet, of the University of Virginia, in giving a complete analysis of this water says, "It is probably analagous in character to the Hot Springs of Bath County, Virginia, and with Bethesda Springs of Waukesha, Wisconsin." Professor D. C. Oudshoorn, Chemist of the State Board of Health, in


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## THE CHEAT MOUNTAIN CLUB



c.HIS club is located in Randolph and Pocahontas Counties, on the Parkersburg and Staunton Turnpike, about seven and eight-tenths miles west of Durbin, and fourteen miles east of Huttonssille, the nearest railroad points, from both of which good automobile and livery service to the club may be obtained.

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G Direct connections may be made with Durbin from the main line of the Chesapeake and Ohio at Ronceverte, and with either Durbin or Huttonsville from the Baltimore and Ohio, Western Maryland and Coal and Coke Railroads from Elkins.
G The main club house is located near the pike at Cheat Bridge, where it crosses Cheat River. It is a log structure, sixty by forty feet, two and one-half stories high, finished inside with cherry and pine. The first floor is divided into two rooms, one being used as a club room, and the other as a dining room. The second and third floors are used for bedrooms. In addition has been built which furnishes ample room for cooking and for the accommodation of all help needed by the club. I In electric plant will be installed this spring to furnish light for the buiding.
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house by gravity, and furnishes an abundance of water for all purposes. Hot and cold baths are conveniently located.
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IA trout hatchery, already built, will furnish sufficient stock to keep the streams well supplied with fish. In addition, the United States Bureau of Fisheries has signified its willingness to co-operate in every way possible to bountifully restock these streams and demonstrate the possibility of restoring them to their original attractiveness.
I In addition to the ones already built, a number of hunters' lodges will be constructed at various points on the preserve, for the accommodation of those who desire to penetrate deeper into the forest than the vicinity of the main club house. I The Corporation of the Cheat Mountain Club has a lease-hold, and controls
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Or THE Grousd the absolute right to all hunting and fishing on this preserve. This lease is for a term of twenty-two years from the 15th day of January, 1915, and takes in a boundary of about 50,000 acres lying to the south of the Parkersburg and Staunton Pike, and extending some thirty miles up Shaver's Fork of Cheat River.
I This country is acknowledged to be the best ground for ruffed grouse, wild turkey, deer and bear hunting in the State of West Virginia, and has so long been known as a hunting preserve that it was marked and designated as such in Bradley's Atlas of the World. In its primitive condition this land was all covered with a


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## THE WEEK-END TRIP

By a Member

$\mathfrak{A}$SHOR'T journey by rail, a thirty minutes' auto ride, and we are in Nature's playground, back among the historical hills of Pocahontas County, where the elk and deer roam the forests, where the hum of the wheels of industry has not yet replaced the whistle of the "Bob-White," and where the clear. pure streams of mountain water are alive with the black bass. We canalmost imagine the forests peopled with bronze-colored figures, and hear in the far, far distance the red man's call to arms.
But, lo! we approach a clearing-surely the hand of man has been busy here. and for a small space the beauties of nature have fallen before the human arts. On a high knoll, at the end of a winding drive-way, and almost hidden by a luxuriant growth of white pine, stands the club house of the Allegheny Sportsmen's Asso-ciation-not a mar to the picture, but harmonizing with all of the beauty around us. I Alighting at the steps, we turn and gaze up the beautiful Knapp's Creek Valley, mile after mile, until the view grows dim and blends to form the horizon. Below us, almost at our feet, this silvery stream sparkles in the evening sunlight as it winds its way slowly down the valley until it is lost from view.
I At our left we see the Minnehaha Springs, surrounded by a huge wall of concrete,

and forming a pool of thousands of gallons of pure and highly medicinal water, each second bringing more than a hundred gallons from the depths of the earth to the surface, and with them millions of tiny air bubbles, which slowly rise to the surface of the pool and as they burst they keep the water rippling, and thus carry out the poet's suggestion of " Minnehaha, laughing waters."
G Each day of the year, winter and summer, there flows from these springs over a million gallons of water, at a temperature of $72^{\circ}$, and this is carried by pipe line to the bath house, where a large concrete basin, combined with locker and dressing rooms, furnishes an ideal place to swim and bathe in.
I Further to the south, we can see the elk and deer grazing at the edge of the woods, ever alert for our footsteps should we approach them, and from the depths of the forest we can faintly hear the drumming of the pheasant and the call of the wild turkey.
I Truly, this is a wonderful picture, and we might gaze for hours, but pleasant odors from the kitchen invite us, and we enter the club. With hot and cold running water, tub and shower baths at our command, we make a hurried toilet and enter the dining room. The pleasant odors have not been misleading, for there is placed before us a varied collection of freshly gathered vegetables, fresh cream and butter, game and fish, fruits, and large plates of steaming hot rolls, just from the ovens.


4 Our dinner over, we return to the main club room, which occupies the entire first Boor of the building. The evening is getting cool, and huge pine chunks are being placed in each of the four wood fireplaces. Soon we have a cheerful, oldfashioned fire and the great and near Nimrods gather round for the stories of the day's hunt. Many of the younger folks, and even some of the older ones too, find amusement in dancing to the music of the Victrola, while others are engaged in reading, or in card games, and perhaps a few stray down to the pool and billiard rooms in the basement. Among these new acquaintances and old friends the evening passes all too quickly, and we soon retire to the land of dreams.
I We are up with the rising sun and ere the mists of the morning have cleared away, we plunge into the depths of the fettered waters of Minnehaha. Ah, we are but boys grown gray, and as these sparkling waters enfold us, we renew our youth, and we feel once more the joys of the old swimming hole. Our troubles are forgotten and the same care-free feeling that we felt in those childhood days comes over us. Surely, Sir Ponce de Leon, you missed your goal. Surely those wonderful tales of the red man were not unfounded, and the Fountain of Youth still exists, and though your search was fruitless, yet we who thumbed through the pages of history and followed your journeys with awe, can now enjoy these wonderful waters, which you so earnestly sought. Yes, you missed your goal.




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G The following partial synopsis of the game and fish laws of West Virginia covers the principal rules and regulations pertaining to hunting and fishing on the ehuh properties.
G You can not hunt the various birds and animals, or catch fish, except during the respective open seasons which are as follows :
G Deer, (with horns over four inches long) Octoher 15th to December 1st. Squirrel. (gray, black, red and fox) September 16th to December 1st. Rabbit, Octoher 13th to January 1st. Red fox, raccoon, mink and skunk, November 1st to January 1st.

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 G Quail, (Virginia partridges) November 1st to December 1st. Pheasant, (ruffed grouse), wild turkey, October 15 th to December 1st. Wild duck, goose or brant. October 1st to January 16th. Woodcock, October 1st to December 1st. Plover. ortolan or sandpiper, September 1st to December 16th. Rail, September 1st to December 1st. Snipe, October 15th to December 16th.Finil
I Trout or land-lock salmon, April 1st to August 1st. Suckers, carp, mullett, red horse, jack-salmon (commonly called jack-fish or white salmon) all species of bass, pike, and pickerel, July 1st to April 1st, following.
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Limits
I You can not kill more than 12 quail, 6 ruffed grouse, 2 wild turkeys, or 12 squirrels in a day, or more than 96 quail, 25 ruffed grouse, 6 wild turkeys or 100 squirrels in a season.



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